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FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 15604 ACTION SECSTATE OCT 7.

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DEPT PLS PASS FOR INFO: COMUSJAPAN YOKOTA AB JA, CINCPAC HONOLULU
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MARR, SK, JA

SUBJECT: NAKASONE DISSATISFACTION WITH SDC

REF: STATE 238374

1. NAKASONE'S REMARKS TO UNDERSECRETARY HABIB CAME AS A SURPRISE
TO US INASMUCH AS WE HAD RECEIVED NO PRIOR INDICATION OF SPECIAL
INTEREST ON HIS PART IN SDC PROCEEDINGS. YUKIO SATO, MOFA
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DIRECTOR SECURITY DIVISION, TELLS US SDC WAS DISCUSSED IN PASSING
WITH NAKASONE DURING PRE-TRIP BRIEFING, BUT NEITHER HE NOR MOFA
EXPRESSED ANY VIEWS ON LEVEL OF ACTIVISTS. IT WOULD BE IN KEEPING
WITH PAST POSITIONS TAKEN BY NAKASONE, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY WHEN
HE WAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE JDA, FOR HIM TO PRESS FOR ACCEL-
ERATED JOINT-PLANNING AS JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOR EXAMPLE,
NAKASONE ADVOCATED EXPANSION OF JOINT USE WITH THE SDF OF US

BASES AND THE CONDUCT OF US-JAPANESE JOINT EXERCISES, INCLUDING REDEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS TO ADVANCE JAPANESE FAMILIARIZATION WITH OUR BASES.

2. OUR GUESS IS THAT NAKASONE'S COMMENTS REFLECT THIS LINE OF THINKING, BUT THAT HE PROBABLY IS NOT TOO FAMILIAR WITH RECENT SDC ACTIVITY. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE SIX SDC MEETINGS TO DATE HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY TAILORED BY GOJ TO CONDITION PUBLIC RECEPTIVITY TO CONCEPT OF COLLABORATION AMONG US AND JAPANESE UNIFORMED STAFFS AND TO PROVIDE LEGITIMACY FOR JOINT PLANNING IN KEY AREAS THAT WILL SURVIVE CHALLENGE IN DIET. JUDGING FROM REACTION TO DATE, GOJ HAS SUCCEEDED ADMIRABLY. PRESS TREATMENT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, ACCURATELY REFLECT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS BY SDC PANELS IN WORKING OUT GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT PANELS HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING EXPEDITIOUSLY, CONSIDERING DIFFICULTY FACED IN BREAKING NEW GROUNDS, AND THAT THERE IS NO FOOTDRAGGING BY EITHER SIDE. SHOULD NAKASONE BRING HIS CONCERNS TO US OR MOFA OR JDA AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, WE WILL FILL HIM IN, BUT OTHERWISE SEE NO NEED TO SEEK HIM OUT OR TO BE PARTICULARLY UPSET BY HIS REMARKS. INCIDENTALLY, NAKASONE CONTINUES TO LIE LOW UNTIL HE IS CERTAIN HE IS NOT TO BE FURTHER AFFECTED BY LOCKHEED. THIS IS NOT TO SUGGEST HIS VIEWS SHOULD BE IGNORED, ONLY THAT HE DOES NOT APPEAR CURRENTLY TO BE IN THICK OF THINGS.

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